

September 1, 1999

TO: Members of the MAG Air Quality Technical Advisory Committee

FROM: Richard A. Bowers, Scottsdale City Manager, Chairman

SUBJECT: MEETING NOTIFICATION AND TRANSMITTAL OF TENTATIVE AGENDA

Thursday, September 9, 1999 - 1:30 p.m.
MAG Office, Suite 200 - Saguaro Room
302 North 1st Avenue, Phoenix

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Please be advised that under procedures approved by the MAG Regional Council, all MAG committees need to have a quorum to conduct the meeting. A quorum is a simple majority of the membership. If you are unable to attend the meeting, please make arrangements for a proxy from your entity to represent you.

TENTATIVE AGENDA

	<u>COMMITTEE ACTION REQUESTED</u>
1. <u>Call to Order</u>	
2. <u>Approval of June 3, 1999 Meeting Minutes</u>	2. For review and approval of the June 3, 1999 meeting minutes.
3. <u>Role of the MAG Air Quality Technical Advisory Committee</u>	3. For information and discussion.
In July 1994, the MAG Regional Council approved the formation of the MAG Air Quality Technical Advisory Committee.	

The role of the Committee is to review and comment on the technical information generated during the planning process and to make technical recommendations. The recommendations from the Committee are then presented to the MAG Management Committee.

At the last meeting, the Technical Advisory Committee requested a discussion of the Committee role. Since its formation, the Committee has played a major role in the development of the new Serious Area Plans for carbon monoxide and particulates. The highlights of the past activities and new key planning activities will be discussed.

4. Carbon Monoxide Maintenance Plan

According to the monitoring data, there have been no violations of the carbon monoxide standard since January 1996. On July 23, 1999, Governor Hull sent a letter to the Environmental Protection Agency requesting an attainment determination for the Maricopa County nonattainment area.

In addition, it is important to begin the preparation of a Carbon Monoxide Maintenance Plan. An approved maintenance plan is required for official redesignation to attainment status.

The work tasks and timeline for the Carbon Monoxide Maintenance Plan will be discussed at the meeting. Please refer to the enclosed material.

5. Draft 1999 Vehicle Miles of Travel Forecasting and Tracking Report

On June 22, 1999, the MAG Regional Council committed to annually updating

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the forecast of vehicle miles traveled (VMT) and submitting annual reports to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) as part of the MAG 1999 Serious Area Carbon Monoxide Plan. The purpose to the annual VMT forecasting and tracking report is to ensure that forecasts used in the Serious Area Carbon Monoxide Plan remain accurate. The first annual report has been prepared in accordance with EPA guidance to satisfy this commitment. The report will be submitted to EPA by September 30, 1999 after consultation among all affected agencies. Please refer to the enclosed material.

6. Ozone Maintenance Plan

Based upon the air quality monitoring data, there have been no violations of the one-hour ozone standard in 1997 and 1998. On July 23, 1999, the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality sent a letter to EPA indicating that an attainment determination will be requested if there are no violations this summer. The Department will also submit the Maricopa County 1996 Periodic Inventory, RACT rules, ADEQ enhanced monitoring program, and Serious Area New Source Review provisions by November 1, 1999.

For the official redesignation to attainment status, an approved maintenance plan is required. The work tasks and timeline for the Ozone Maintenance Plan will be discussed. Please refer to the enclosed material.

7. MTBE Groundwater Issues

The Arizona Department of Environmental Quality has prepared a Draft Report of the Methyl Tertiary Butyl Ether (MTBE)

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Work Group which summarizes current information and recommendations for addressing MTBE-related issues in Arizona. A status report will be provided. Please refer to the enclosed material.

8. Requests for Projects for MAG Federal and Regional Funds for Inclusion in the FY 2001-2005 MAG Transportation Improvement Program

Requests for projects for MAG federal and other regional funds for inclusion in the FY 2001-2005 MAG Transportation Improvement Program are due to MAG by **September 24, 1999**. Copies of the application forms and a description of the process has already been mailed to members of the MAG Management Committee and Technical Advisory Committee members. This includes requests for ALL modes such as Streets, Freeways, Bikes, Pedestrians, Transit, Telecommunications, Transportation Demand Management, Safety and Air Quality. Fund Types include ADOT funds, MAG Surface Transportation Program and Congestion Mitigation Air Quality funds, and 5307 and 5309 Transit funds.

In October, the Air Quality Technical Advisory Committee will be requested to make a recommendation on the ranking of the air quality projects received. A presentation will be given.

9. Call to the Public

An opportunity will be provided to members of the public to address the Air Quality Technical Advisory Committee.

In addition, the public is invited to share transportation ideas with the Committee.

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A representative from the MAG transportation staff will be available to receive the input.

10. Next Committee Meeting

The next Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for October 7, 1999.

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